

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Amended) A quick release system for mounting a back rest on a motorcycle, the system comprising:

DI a side bracket plate having a first notch extending inwardly generally horizontally from an end of the side bracket plate, and a second notch extending generally upwardly into the side bracket plate from a bottom thereof, the first and second notches being configured to receive a bolt head.

a linearly slidable retaining means mounted to the side bracket plate for selectively allowing movement of a bolt head into the second notch.

2. (Original) The quick release system according to claim 1, further comprising at least one semi-circular grommet disposed along one of the notches.

3. (Currently Amended) The quick release system according to claim 1, wherein the slidable retaining means comprises a retaining pin slidable between a first position, wherein the pin prevents movement of a bolt head out of the second notch, and a second position, wherein the retaining pin does not prevent movement of a bolt head ~~and~~ out of the second notch.

4. (Original) The quick release system according to Claim 3, wherein the retaining pin is biased into the first position.

5. (Original) The quick release system according to Claim 3, further comprising a handle attached to the retaining pin such that movement of the handle away from the second notch moves the retaining pin from the first position to the second position.

6. (Previously Amended) The quick release system according to claim 5, further comprising a locking means.

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8. (Previously Amended) The quick release system according to claim 7, wherein the side bracket plate has a locking hole and wherein the locking pin extends into the locking hole to prevent movement of the handle.

9. (Previously Amended) The quick release system according to claim 7, wherein the side bracket plate has a locking notch and wherein the locking pin extends into the locking notch to prevent movement of the handle away from the second notch.

10. (Previously Amended) The quick release system according to claim 7, wherein the locking pin is spring loaded to bias the locking pin into the locking position.

11. (Previously Amended) The quick release system according to Claim 7, wherein the side bracket plate further comprises a guide channel formed therein, and wherein the handle slides along the guide channel.

12. (Original) The quick release system according to Claim 1, further comprising locking means for selectively preventing movement of the slidable retaining means.

13. (Original) The quick release system according to Claim 12, wherein the locking means comprises a locking pin.

14. (Original) The quick release system according to Claim 13, wherein the side bracket plate has a locking hole and wherein the locking pin extends into the locking hole to prevent movement of the retaining means.

15. (Previously Amended) The quick release system according to claim 13, wherein the side bracket plate has a locking notch and wherein the locking pin extends into the locking notch to prevent movement of the slidable retaining means away from the second notch.

16. (Original) The quick release system according to Claim 13, wherein the locking pin is spring loaded to bias the locking pin into a locking position.

17. (Original) The quick release system according to Claim 1, wherein the system further comprises at least one bolt, the bolt having a bolt head with a generally annular channel formed therein, the bolt head being configured for nesting in the second notch.

18. (Original) The quick release system according to Claim 17, wherein the system comprises two bolts each having a generally annular channel formed therein and each being configured for nesting in one of the first and second notches.

19. (Previously Amended) The quick release system according to claim 17, wherein the bolt head further comprises a second annular channel.

20. (Original) The quick release system according to Claim 17, wherein the bolt head further comprises female threaded portion.

21. (Original) A side bracket plate for use in a backrest quick release system, the side bracket plate comprising:

a first notch configured for receiving a bolt head;

a second notch having an opening and being configured for receiving a bolt head;

a retaining pin positioned adjacent to the second notch, the retaining pin being movable between a first position wherein the retaining pin prevents a bolt head disposed in the second notch from being removed from the second notch, and a second position wherein the retaining pin does not prevent removal of the bolt head.

22. (Original) The side bracket plate according to Claim 21, wherein the retaining pin is spring loaded.

23. (Original) The side bracket plate according to Claim 21, further comprising a handle attached to the retaining pin for selectively moving the retaining pin between the first and second positions.

24. (Original) The side bracket plate according to Claim 21, further comprising a locking means for selectively preventing movement of the retaining pin from the first position to the second position.

25. (Original) The side bracket plate according to Claim 24, wherein the locking means comprises a locking pin configured to engage the side bracket plate.

D 26. (Original) The side bracket plate according to Claim 25, wherein the side bracket plate has a locking hole and the locking pin is configured for placement into the locking hole to prevent movement of the retaining pin.

27. (Previously Amended) The side bracket plate according to claim 25, wherein the side bracket plate has a locking notch formed therein and wherein the locking pin is configured for advancement into the locking notch.

28. (Previously Added) A quick release system for mounting a backrest on a motorcycle, the system comprising:

a side bracket plate having a first, forward notch extending inwardly generally horizontally from a front end of the side bracket plate, and a second notch disposed adjacent a back end of the side bracket, extending generally upwardly into the side bracket plate from a bottom thereof, the first and second notches being configured to receive a bolt head;

a slidable retaining pin mounted to the side bracket plate, rearwardly from the second notch for selectively allowing movement of a bolt head into the second notch, the slidable retaining pin being movable between a first, forward position wherein the slidable retaining pin prevents advancement of a bolt head into and out of the notch, and a second position wherein the retaining pin allows movement of the bolt head into or out of the notch, and wherein the retaining pin is biased into the first position.

29. (Previously Added) The quick release system for mounting a backrest according to claim 28, further comprising a locking member for selectively preventing movement of the slidable retaining pin into the second position.


30. (Previously Added) The quick release system for mounting a backrest according to claim 29, wherein the slidable retaining pin is attached to a handle and wherein the locking member is disposed in the handle.

31. (Previously Added) The quick release system for mounting a backrest according to claim 30, wherein a locking notch is disposed in the side bracket plate and wherein the locking member is biased to extend into the locking notch.

32. (Previously Added) The quick release system for mounting a backrest according to claim 31, wherein the locking member moves perpendicular to the slidable retaining pin.

33. (Currently Amended) The quick release system for mounting a backrest according to claim 28, further comprising a handle which slides along ~~eh~~ the side bracket plate.

34. (Previously Added) The quick release system for mounting a back rest on a motorcycle, comprising:

 a side bracket plate configured for holding a backrest of a motorcycle, the side bracket plate having a first notch and a second notch formed therein, each for receiving a bolt head; and

a slidable retaining pin disposed adjacent at least one of the notches and movable between a first position wherein the slidable retaining pin prevents movement of a bolt head out of the at least one of the notches, to a second position allowing removal of a bolt head out of the at least one of the notches, so as to selectively prevent a bolt head from being slid out of the one of the notches.

35. (Previously Added) The quick release system according to claim 34, further comprising a locking member for selectively preventing movement of the slidable retaining pin into the second position.